

2010R10111
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE 12th DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION, AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SAID COURT FOR SUCH MEETING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041 et. Seq., VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES (THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT) TO BE CONSIDERED:

“CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S COURT RESOLUTION FOR SUBMITAL TO THE STATE SENATE SUCOMMITTEE ON FLOODING AND EVACUATIONS HEARING ON OCTOBER 18, 2010”

WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations is holding a hearing on Monday October 18, 2010 in Austin, Texas to gather testimony from South Texas officials to study the benefit of legislation that would require coastal regions, when making routine improvements to drainage systems and other infrastructure, to take into account probability of future flooding and any upgrades necessary to prevent future flooding; and

WHEREAS, Cameron County understands and recognizes the critical importance of gathering input from stakeholders that are impacted during a flood event; and

WHEREAS, Cameron County has partnered with the respective drainage entities in Cameron County to coordinate and improve drainage systems throughout the county; and

Whereas, currently Cameron County does not have one drainage entity to manage and coordinate the infrastructure improvements needed to address the flooding areas in Cameron County; and

WHEREAS, there are many parts of the county today that are considered no-mans-land when it comes to drainage because there is no drainage district within these service areas; and

WHEREAS; Cameron County continues to work to find ways to improve drainage throughout areas of the county that were previously rich in agriculture but now are vastly populated; and

WHEREAS; Cameron County will continue to prioritize improvements that lead to its major floodways which include the Arroyo Colorado, the Rio Grande River and the North Floodway; and

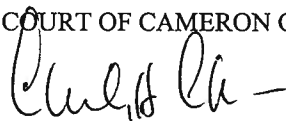
Whereas, Cameron County is prepared to begin looking at a comprehensive regional approach to tackling the drainage needs of the county; and

Whereas, Cameron County would support a recommendation from this subcommittee to utilize the current Rio Grande Regional Water Authority for regional planning purposes in our area as a model or entity to be charged with regional planning and to facilitate regional coordination and possible prioritization of drainage improvements/management for Cameron County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron County Commissioners' Court wishes to express to the committee its sincere appreciation for making this issue a top priority and would like to continue working toward a common goal of protecting our residents and businesses from any future flooding and to ensure that the management model which is recommended is one that is viable for Cameron County and the entire region.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 12th day of October, 2010.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS



CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE



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